Action against Puri Shankaracharya for opposing entry of Harijans in Temples

2310. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR-RAHMAN:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken or propose to take any action against Puri Shankaracharya for his opposition to entry of Harijans in temples;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) On the basis of press reports, the Govt. of Rajasthan was requested to examine the question of taking action in the light of the Constitution and the provisions of Section 3,7. (1) (c) and 15(1) of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955. The Govt.of Rajasthan has informed that they have got to examine the legal aspects related to prosecution as the only basis for the utterances of the Shankarcharya of Puri are the reported statements, specially since he has, according to the later press report (8-7-88), denied bulk of his earlier reported statements.

Cold Rolling of Hot Rolled Steel

2311. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to convert cold rolling Steel from Hot-rolled steel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTEMNT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Cold Rolling of Hot Rolled Steel Strips/Sheets is already being done, as per requirement of specific applications, by units in the public as well as private sectors.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification S.O. No. 632 (E), dated the 30th June, 1988, publishing amendments to the Notifcation S.O. No. 581(E), dated the 17th June, 1987. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6396/88]

Petroleum amendment Rules, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of section 29 of the Petroleum Act, 1934, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) Notification G.S.R. No. 98(E), dated the 24th February, 1988, publishing the Petroleum (Amendment) Rules, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6376/88]